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RESOLUTION

ON

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

AFFECTING ASEAN

The Twelfth General Assembly:

Noting the European Parliament Resolution of September 12, 1991 with regard to certain matters pertaining to ASEAN member countries,

Bearing in mind that matters relating to ASEAN member countries have been referred to in European Parliament resolutions in the past in a manner that invariably misrepresents the facts and circumstances,

Considering that continual refraining by AIPO in responding to these imbalanced European Parliament statements may be misinterpreted as conceding to those misleading resolutions,

Mindful that such a situation requires rectification and allowing it to continue would be detrimental to fruitful AIPO-EP inter-parliamentary relations,

Recongizing that inter-parliamentary dialogues between AIPO-EP have served to strengthen the ties and understanding between the two dynamic economic areas of the world,

Recognizing further that AIPO-EP relations, with regard to international cooperation, encompass legitimate areas of mutual

interest which include dialogue on the common universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the deepest concern with the present global environmental regression and deterioration,

Convinced that while human rights have universal relevance, there exist degrees of national competence in their expression and interpretation that derive from the values, philosophies and traditions of the ASEAN members and the principle of sovereignty of states and the principle of self-determination,

Regrets deeply the passing of judgement on those matters raised in the European Parliament Resolution of September 12, 1991 with regard to human rights, environmental and political democracy of national jurisdictional nature,

Regrets further the assumption by the EP of the role of sole arbiter on those matters and that these shape the realities of a world of dominating and interfering states,

Rejects the whole notion of conditionality that imposes upon economic and commercial transactions biased intepretations of human rights and environmental precepts,

Calls upon the European Parliament to adopt a more constructive attitude in recognizing the plurality of political systems and their differing manifestations of democratic expression,

Calls further upon the European Parliament too place legitimate human rights and environmental concerns within the United Nations Charter context of international cooperation between sovereign states,

Calls upon the ASEAN governments to adoptt the policies that

reflect the legitimate interest and perceptions of the ASEAN member states on issues concerning human rights, environment, and political democracy,

Assigns the Secretary General of AIPO to transmit this AIPO Resolution in the most effective and expeditious manner and to undertake to establish the appropriate and necessary channels of communication between AIPO and EP to facilitate the exchange of information between these two regional parliamentary bodies.